GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Implementation of Price Support Scheme for procurement of Maize under Minimum Support Price (MSP) during Rabi 2019-20 – Appointment of A.P.MARKFED as State Nodal Agency –Orders -Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (MKTG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 52 Dated: 03-04-2020

Read the following:-

1. G.O.MS No.3 CA,F&CS (CS.I) Department dated 17-03-2015
2. G.O.MS No.14,CA,F&CS (CS.I) Department dated 18-05-2015
3. G.O.RT.No.641,A&C (Agri.III) Department dated 23-10-2017
4. Minimum support price declared by Ministry of Agriculture &Farmers Welfare for 2019-20.
5. G.O.MS No.27, A&C (Mktg.II) Department dated 09-01-2020.
6 From Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P Guntur Letter No Stat(1)74/2019,Dated 26.2.2019
7. From MD, A.P MARKFED, letter no P&M/Maize/MSP/RMS/2019-20, dated 16.03.2019.

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In the Government Order 1st, 2nd & 3rd read above, the guidelines for MSP operations of Maize were communicated to the Nodal Agency.

2. In the letter 7th read above, the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Vijayawada has informed that, the Department of Agriculture, vide letter 6th communicated the District wise Area, Yield & Production estimates, and expected market arrival period for Coarse grains during Rabi 2019-20. As per the information furnished by the Department of Agriculture the Maize sown area is 1,88,078 Ha and the expected Production is 14,56,398 MT's. The Government of India has declared the MSP for Maize (Hybrid) is Rs.1760/- per Quintal for the year 2019-20. As per the guidelines issued by DFPD the GOI will give financial assistance for procurement of coarse grains under MSP provided that the procured coarse grains are distributed under PDS. The procurement of Maize under MSP has to be taken up in State Account.

3. The Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED has requested the State Government to Nominate the A.P.MARKFED as Nodal Agency and accord permission to procure 3.64 Lakh MT's of Maize under MSP during Rabi 2019-20 in State Government Account. Further, the M.D. APMarkfed has requested to arrange the required funds from PSF and also permission to raise the funds by loans from the Banks.

4. Government after careful examination of the proposal and considering the estimated production of Maize during Rabi 2019-20, hereby nominate the A.P. MARKFED as Nodal Agency of Government of Andhra Pradesh for procurement of 3.64 Lakh MT's of Maize under Price Support Scheme on MSP during Rabi 2019-20. The A.P.MARKFED shall open the required number of procurement centers.

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5. The MSP fixed by the Government of the India for 2019-20 for FAQ Maize is Rs.1760/- per Quintal shall be implemented by the Nodal Agency.

6. The procurement period will be from 03.04.2020 to 16.06.2020.

7. The required procurement centers to meet the demand will be decided by the District Administration in the DLPC meeting as per the area and production details given Department of Agriculture. In view of the current health related lockdown owing to COVID-19, Markfed is directed to take u the procurement in a further decentralised manner by going up to village or a cluster of villages duly carrying out a thorough micro level planning.

8. The stocks will be procured directly from the farmers who are registered in e-Karshak portal of the Department of Agriculture during Rabi 2019-20.

9. The Government have also decided to involve good working District Co-operative Marketing Societies (DCMS), Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACSs), FPO's and Village Organizations to give facility to the farmers to market their produce nearer to the village and also to reduce congestion at the Agricultural Market Yards / Sub yards.

10. The Marketing Department shall position necessary equipments like tarpaulins, moisture meters, dryers, sieves, stitching machines, weighing scales etc., in the Market Yards and Sub-Yards and also at the identified procurement centres DCMS/ PACS/FPO'S/VOs. The Nodal Agency, the A.P. MARKFED shall also inspect and ensure the availability of the necessary equipments at the procurement centers well in advance in order to make availability of such equipments at the time of procurement.

11. The State Government will arrange the working capital for A.P. MARKFED for procurement of the requisite quantity of Maize on MSP from Price Stabilisation Fund. In case of exigency to make timely payment to the farmers The A.P Markfed is permitted to raise loans from Banks and the interest amount shall be reimbursed from the State Government PSF.

12. At the Districts, under the Chairmanship of the Joint Collector a committee shall be constituted with JDA, PD DRDA, DCO, DSO, AD Mktg. District Manager, AP Markfed, to ensure effective implementation of MSP operations of Maize. This Committee shall also decide the Transportation/ Gunnies rates etc. for effective procurement operations if the same is not finalised by State Level Committee.

13. The Collectors shall provide all necessary assistance to the A.P. MARKFED in implementation of Maize MSP operations.

14. The Warehousing Agencies viz; CWC/ SWC Authorized collateral Managing agencies like Star Agri/AWSL/NBHC etc. shall also provide space for storing the procured stocks of Maize. Necessary instructions shall also be issued to all the Warehouse Managers to record the accurate weighment, moisture etc., both at the time of depositing the stocks and at the time of delivery of the stocks. The Warehouse Managers of SWC/CWC/ shall verify the quality as per FAQ specifications and record the same as FAQ stocks in stock acknowledgement / receipts.

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15. The payments of money to the farmers should be done by online payments only.

16. Commission @ 2.5 on the procurement of Maize will be provided to the procuring agency ie A.P Markfed for conducting these operations in addition to the other administrative expenses involved thereof.

17. After completion of Maize procurement in State Government Account, the A.P. MARKFED shall inform the State Level Procurement Committee to take a decision about the disposal of the procured Maize stocks.

18. The AP MARKFED will be allowed incidental charges on actual basis which include godown charges, packing material, loading /unloading, commission, transportation, grading and packing stitching charges and hamali charges etc.

19. After disposal of the stocks the Managing Director A.P MARKFED shall submit the final accounts duly audited by the statutory auditor for reimbursement of losses incurred, if any in the transaction i.e. difference between the disposal by A.P. MARKFED shall be borne by the State Government from PSF.

20. The Special Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur and the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, A.P., Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y.MADHUSUDHANA REDDY
SPECIAL SECRECTARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Managing Director, A.P MARKFED, Vijayawada.
The Special Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, Guntur.
The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar Cooperative Societies, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P., Vijayawada
Copy to:-
All Collectors / Joint Collectors / District Supply Officers.
The PS to Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, A.P.
The P.S to Hon'ble Minister for (Fin & CS), A.P., Velagapudi.
The P. S to Hon'ble Minister for Agri., Mktg. & Coop., Velagapudi.
The Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food & Public Distribution), Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
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SECTION OFFICER